Rs. 1954/- per month vide revised Pension Payment Order dated 29.3.95 and arrears paid vide COT. No. 071140 dated 24.2.95 as under:—

DCRG — Rs. 3713.00

Commuted value of — Rs. 2887.00 Pension

Cash equivalent of — Rs. 2568.00 Leave Salary

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Lack of Fruit Processing Facilities in Gujarat

4089. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to lack of processing facilities in Gujarat prices fall considerably during peak harvesting season thereby making fruit cultivation unviable compelling the fanners to uproot their fruit plants; and

(b) if so, what are the fruits which face such a situation and what measures Government propose to take to protect the fruit plants?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) There is no report from the State Government about uprooting of fruit plants. However, the Government through National Horticulture Board is extending financial support for strengthening market infrastructure facilities such as cold storage, pre-cooling, grading/packing centres, transport facilities and processing units for fruits and vegetables to help the growers.

Scheme for Adolescent Girls

4090. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PAT NAIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) the names of the States where the Centrally-sponsored Scheme for Adolescent Girls (SAG) is being introduced;

(b) the number of early Childhood Education Centres opened in those States; and

(c) how far the main objectives of this Centrally Sponsored scheme are being achieved by those Centres?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SR. BOMMAI): (a) The adolescent Girls Scheme is being implemented in selected 507 Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Blocks in all the States/UTs as an integral part of the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme.

(b) There are 4365 Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centres in operation in the nine educationally backward States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(c) The Scheme represents a special intervention, inistitutionalised through the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) infrastructure and attempts to meet the health, nutrition, recreation, awareness generation and skill improvement needs of the adolescent girls in the age group of 11—18 years in rural areas. The Scheme has been well received. Over 3.51 lakh adolescent girls nave already received vital services till date under the Adolescent Girls Scheme.

Gauge Conversion In Maharashtra

4091. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have identified metre and narrow gauge lines for conversion into broad gauge in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of progress made under unigauge conversion scheme in Maharashtra so far and the programmes